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Suu Kyi says Myanmar on road to reconciliation

OSLO (AFP) - Myanmar democracy champion Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday said her country was at the start of the road to reconciliation as she arrived in Norway to finally give her Nobel Peace Prize speech.

After years of house arrest and isolation, Suu Kyi arrived to a rapturous welcome on a Europe tour that follows sweeping change in her homeland, where a former military junta has promised to follow a path to democracy.

CARPHA announces results of summit meeting on Aruba

Since Monday evening, daily workshops and lectures on establishing national programs to combat childhood obesity have been taking place at the Westin Resort in Palm Beach in preparation for the officially opening of the second Pan American Conference on Obesity, PACO II, conducted yesterday and today.

The huge gathering of important figures in Caribbean health administration facilitated a summit conference of the board members of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) resulting in the encouraging announcement that many issues were discussed and resolved during said conferences. Board members delivered the news that CARPHA will officially begin operations in January 1, 2013, well ahead of their originally projected date in

Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, introduced the Chair-



Carpha Board members with Minister Visser

man of the Board of CARPHA, Dr Jerome Walcott, Interim Director, along with board members Dr Edward Greene, Special Advisor, Dr Robert Lee, Public Health Specialist, Dr. Bernadette Theodore-Gandhi and Dr. Rudolph Cummings.

and agreed upon by heads of Caribbean nations in 2010, specifically the 15 member nations of CARICOM, (Caribbean Community Secretariat) CARPHA will replace and build on the work of the Caribbean Community's five regional health

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Dr Jerome Walcott institutions, or RHI.

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Concrete plans for new school building in Montaña announced



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Renovation of Aruba's Public Concrete plans for new **Library in its final phase**



Several days ago a group of our librarians visited the premises of the Public Library in the George Madurostraat. The purpose of their visit was to see how the renovation work was progressing on the building. They were delighted to see that the work is quickly nearing completion. The BO-HAMA construction company intends to complete their work and turn over the building very soon. Then follows the tedious work of moving, reorganizing and setting up the interior for business as usual.

Considering that the building was closed on September 9, 2010, the renovation took an awfully long time and for different reasons. Among the reasons for the more than 1.5 years of renovation, was the long Public Tender process.

Library services to the public became considerably less to the Oranjestad community because of the temporary closure of the library during the past year and a half. Library personnel are looking forward to resuming these services and even improving them.

They are dedicated to bringing all the services up to the highest level and to organize everything in the most efficient manner possible to ensure that they can run a smooth operation. Library users have been complaining about the closure of the Library and of the lack of library services in Oranjestad. But, according to Library Director, Astrid Britten, we are pleased to announce that library services will be resumed very soon.

Services:

During the past one and a half year they were able to maintain partial service through the branches in San Nicolaas and the Arubiana Department in the Bachstraat. They had to re-

locate some of the personnel to school libraries. For example, some went to the Colegio Arubano library. They were unable to offer the usual library services because of the lack of space both for the public and for their own personnel. The collection of books for adults had to be stored in a warehouse where, unfortunately, they suffered mildew, dust and moth damage. Many of these books are no longer usable and will have to be taken out of circulation. The Minister of Education has allocated a sum of money for the purchase of new books this year.

Future:

The Library plans on moving back very soon and hopes to be fully operational again by August, or perhaps a bit sooner. Several meetings are being planned with librarians and other personnel to ensure that everything proceed organized and according to plan, according to Astrid Britten. Special activities are in the works in connection with the re-opening of the Library. They have also begun work on this year's 20th edition of the popular annual Festival of Children's Books.

Reportedly, the government is planning to build and organize multifunctional facilities in the different barrios. The majority of these facilities will be annexed to existing auxiliary Government Bureaus and others will be housed in renovated government buildings. These multifunctional facilities will include library services, such as borrowing books, study hall and Computer areas with internet access. This, according to Astrid Britten, will be a very positive development for the work of the Public Library on Aruba. The first of these facilities is expected to be opened in Noord at the beginning of next year after which the other districts will follow.

school building in Montaña announced



L.-r. Minister of Education Arthur Dowers, Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Infrastructure Benny Sevinger.

This past week the government and SOGA (Stichting Onroerend Goed Aruba) signed an MOU for the realization of building a new school edifice for MAVO-HAVO-VWO.

The Minister of Infrastructure indicated at the signing that they are now approaching some 84 projects with which the government is currently occupied. They have focused on six lines of projects. The first line, according to Minister Sevinger is the revitalization of Oranjestad – San Nicolaas which involves projects of big and positive changes. The next line of projects is the barrios. A total of 24 barrios will be improved.

The next focus is the expansion and renovation of the Hospital which is about to begin soon. Following are the infrastructure, roads, the ring highway and the Green Corridor. Finally on the list schools which are under going major restorations.

Already the La Salle College, St. Dominicus College, and the Abraham de Veer School are being renovated. The Santa Anna School is ready to be renovated. The new MAVO-HAVO-VWO school to be constructed will

be built in Noord. All in all these projects are an effort to improve the overall Aruba product, according to Sevinger.

Although the list of projects is long, the government is convinced that they will complete all within the time span they have reckoned on while maintaining excellent quality. They will be projects that we can all be proud of says Sevinger. In the same way we want to have 5-star hotels, we must also work for 5-star schools, 5-star infrastructure, 5-star senior citizens' homes, and 5-star barrios. This, in essence, is the government's golden slogan, according to Minister Sevinger!







Good news...Aruba's 2013 off season looks forward to over 100.000 cruise visitors

ORANJESTAD -- Last Thursday Aruba's Minister of Tourism held a productive meeting with Carnival Cruise Lines where it was announced that an additional 12 ships will call here during the 2013 off season and a total of 29 ships for the entire year. This is most certainly good news for the development of our cruise industry and is a reflection of the excellent work of APA, ATA, and the Cruse Commission of the Ministry of Tourism.

Carnival Cruises have decided to change their Freedom ship for Valor which is a much bigger vessel with a capacity for 3000 passengers. During 2012 the cruises to Aruba were all practically 100% sold out, hence the reason to change to a larger vessel. As of November this year, Carnival's newest ship will begin calling on our port. This is Carnival Breeze with its 3.700 passenger capacity.

This means that Carnival Cruises alone will bring more than 40 thousand visitors during our off season, which will definitely be positive for our economy. A recent survey conducted by the University of Aruba indicated that cruise tourists spend an average of 135 to 170 dollars during their stop on Aruba.

According to the Minister of Tourism, for the 2013 off season there is a confirmed 100.000 cruise visitors expected on Aruba! Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines also announced that they

will be making 8 additional calls during the 2013 off season with their 'Jewel of the Seas' ship with a capacity of 2100 passen-

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The minister is also in conversation with Pullman Tours to make concrete an agreement with them to call on Aruba during our low season next year. That would be in addition to the 100.000 confirmed visitors for the 2013 off season. These numbers represent more than 17 million extra income for the economy of our island. In addition to these numbers, we must also figure in the ships crews, which may vary between 500 to 1000 persons, who also come off the ship to visit the island and contribute to the island's economy.

Youth section of Public Library closed for moving

ORANJESTAD -- The staff move back to the George of the Public National Library is pleased to announce that the renovation of the building in the George Madurostraat is quickly nearing completion. The contracting company BO-HAMA intends to turn over the renovated building on the 18th of June. Immediately after receiving the building, the process of moving and re-organizing and setting up the interior will begin in earnest.

On Friday they began packing the youth collection, cabinets, chairs and tables and other articles for the Madurostraat.

For this reason, the children's section of the library, temporarily housed in the Bachstraat, was closed as of yesterday, Friday 14th. The youth section of the Library in San Nicolaas and the Arubiana Department will remain open as usual.

Parents could have selected books together with their children up to Thursday so that children could have reading material for the next few weeks. The exact reopening day will be announced later.

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Emma Jones of the BBC will be on island for the Aruba International Film Festival



Emma Jones

One of the most respected named in entertainment journalism, Emma Jones, reporting for the prestigious BBC news service, has confirmed she will be attending the 3rd annual Aruba International Film Festival.

A veteran journalist covering entertainment to hard news, she has worked for several English papers over the years, including the Sunday Mirror, The Mail on Sunday, and The Sun. She did a stint as

editor of Smash Hits Magazine to return to The Sun in 2002 to become their youngest columnist

Jones has been twice nominated for the UK Press Gazette Young Journalist of the Year Award and has been described as "the brightest young female voice in Britain" and the "Most Brilliant Young Voice" of England.

Jones will be on Aruba along with more than 125 international press members who will enjoy not only the diverse events of the film festival, but will discover the best Aruba has to offer in the way of accommodations, dining, entertainment and nightlife. Festival organizers look forward to being hosts to the visiting media and sharing with them Aruba's many assets.

Man denied death benefit after 2011 disappearance of companion in Aruba

-- Gary Giordano is suing Chicago-based AmEx Assurance Company for the \$3.5 million benefit, which he contends in a suit filed in Cook County Circuit Court was part of a travel insurance policy he took out before his trip to Aruba with Robyn Lynn Gardner.

Gardner, 36, of Maryland, has been missing since Aug. 2, 2011, and Giordano reported her disappearance to AmEx two days later, according to the suit. Gardner is presumed to be dead.

The suit claims Giordano paid the premiums on the insurance policy.

Giordano told authorities Gardner disappeared while snorkeling near Baby Beach, in San Nicolas, Aruba. He was arrested by Aruban police just three days after Gardner's disappearance, but never charged.

Richard Forester, Gardner's boyfriend at the time of her disappearance, called the lawsuit "disgusting."

Nobody knows whether she is dead or not," Forester said. "It goes to Giordano's character ... he is just trying to make money off of this."

Forester said he was originally told the benefit was \$1.5 million, though Giordano is seeking \$2 million more through the suit.

The lawsuit said the \$3.5 million was the "full death benefit," and Gardner was a "covered person" in the policy.

The two-count suit seeks the full death benefit as well as additional damages.

Aruba International Film Festival to welcome Ben Lyons of NBC Extra

The third edition of the AIFF is proud to announce that among the more then 147 foreign press members confirmed to attend this year's festival is noted film critic, commentator and entertainment journalist Ben Lyons of NBC Extra. He is the son of NBC film and theater critic Jeffrey Lyons.

Ben is a veteran of such events as the AIFF, and was featured host in segments on various red carpets and film festivals for The Daily 10 on E! Entertainment television from 2006, becoming their resident film critic and interviewer until earlier this year. He also wrote the E! online column "The Lyons Den."

Lyons has been featured on Access Hollywood and has worked as a segment producer on the nationally syndicated Hip-Hop Nation.

Lyons is now a correspondent for NBC Extra, frequently contributing to Good Morning America since 2010. He hosted the 5th annual HollyShorts Film Festival (HSFF) opening night celebration in 2009, and was described as "one of the sharpest correspondents in the industry today" by HollyShorts festival organizers Theo Dumont and Daniel Sol.

"We are extremely pleased to have a media personality of Ben Lyons' stature attend-



Ben Lyons.

ing this year's AIFF" commented the festival cofounder and Executive Producer Jonathan Vieira. "Such individuals enhance the festival's reputation and provide great input on making it even better."



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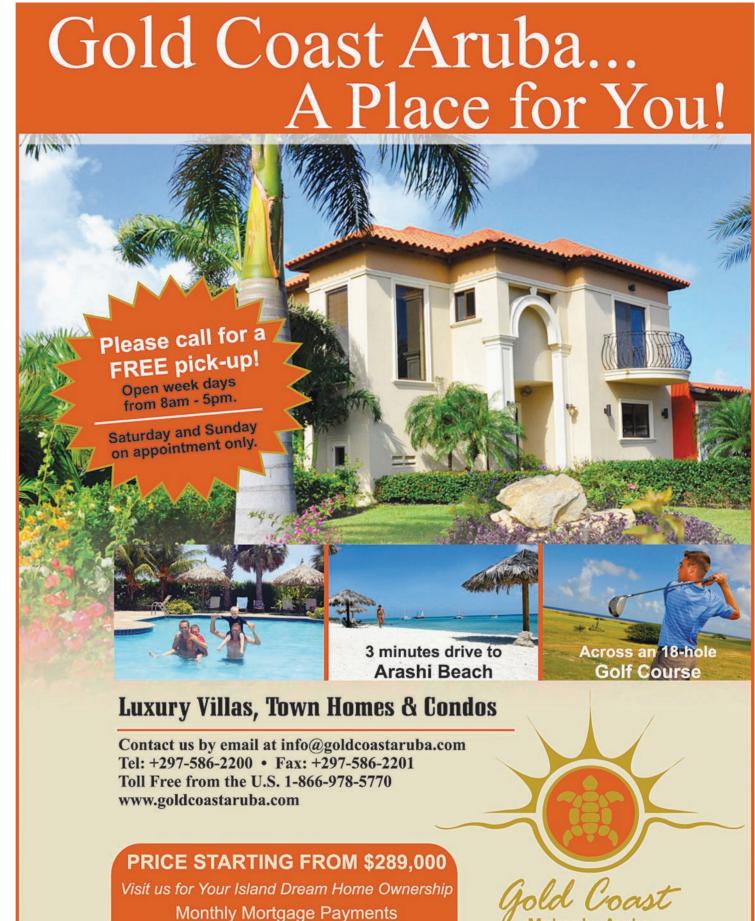
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"Through our Platinum Membership of the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA), the Aruba Ports Authority requested and received a substantial donation for Arco Iris Kleuter School. The building that houses the primary educational institution, previously Margriet School and Beatrix School, will be 60 sixty years old in 2013, we are therefore making this donation available for the maintenance of the structure which accommodates over two hundred children and

"We are convinced that by pulling together our resources, our knowledge and our expertise like we have done here we can make a difference in our society. We are committed to leveraging our ability to improve the lives of people in Aruba," an APA spokesperson arid



CARPHA announces results of summit meeting on Aruba

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They include: Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC), the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI), the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI), the Caribbean Health Research Centre (CHRC) and the Caribbean Research and Drug Treatment Laboratory (CRDTL). CARPHA will be headquartered in Trinidad and Tobago. This week's summit also decided on provisions for non-CARICOM Caribbean nations, such as

Aruba.

Dr. Walcott and Dr. Greene explained the advantages of such an organization for better health care for the all the region through more efficient information sharing and regulation over various issues. CARPHA would not only benefit the inhabitants of the region, but the millions of vacationers traveling to the islands annually, as they would regulate water purification and set standards, as well as regulate food han-

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dling among dozens of other issues.

The CARPHA agenda is supported by the Pan American Health Organization, (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO.) The official CARPHA mission statement is "The provision of strategic direction in analyzing, defining and responding to public health priorities of the member countries so as to prevent disease, promote health and to respond to public health

emergencies and to act as a key entity in providing for solidarity in health of the region."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Carlotta becomes Cat 2 hurricane off Mexico coast

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Storm Carlotta became a Cat 2 hurricane yesterday as it barreled towards Mexico's Pacific coast, with US monitors warning it could well gain strength as the center approaches land.

"Carlotta is a category one hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane wind scale. Rapid strengthening is expected tonight," the Miamibased US National Hurricane center said in its latest bulletin late yesterday.

The storm was already packing winds of 80 miles (130 kilometers) an hour, and Mexican authorities have issued a hurricane warning along the coast, from Punta Maldonado to the chic resort of Acapulco

The hurricane was heading northwest at 12 miles an hour (19 kilometers), and is expected to turn west-northwest and slow down today.

At least 16 dead in Paraguay clashes

ASUNCION (AFP) - At least 16 people were killed and dozens hurt yesterday in clashes that erupted when police tried to evict landless peasants who were squatting at a nature preserve in Paraguay, officials said.

Interior Minister Carlos Filizzola told reporters that seven police and at least nine peasants had been killed in the incident in Curuguaty, located 250 kilometers (155 miles) northeast of the capital Asuncion.

Another official in Curuguaty earlier said as many as 80 people had been injured in the melee. Earlier, the death toll had been put at six.

Police had arrived at the privately-owned nature preserve in Curuguaty to evict the peasants when the clashes began.

In a brief statement, President Fernando Lugo expressed his "absolute support" for the police and offered his condolences to the families of the victims

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ICC team detained in Libya in good health

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Four International Criminal Court officials detained in Libya since last week have said they were in good health and well treated, the ICC said in a statement yesterday.

The detainees met with ICC envoys in the Libyan town of Zintan, where they have been detained since June 7 while visiting Moamer Kadhafi's son Seif al-Islam, the court said.

Local authorities and the Libyan public prosecutor facilitated Tuesday's brief meeting, which "took place in the presence of local authorities' representatives," said the ICC, which is based in The Hague.

Australian lawyer Melinda Taylor and three of her colleagues were detained after a meeting with Seif al-Islam, who has himself been detained in Zintan 170 kilometers (110 miles) southwest of Tripoli since his arrest on November 19. Their main mission was to help Seif, 39, choose a lawyer to defend him against ICC charges of crimes against humanity

Libyan officials allege that Taylor was carrying a pen camera and attempting to give Seif a coded letter from his former right-hand man Mohammed Ismail, who is on the run.

Tripoli said the ICC delegation overstepped its mandate and "committed an act which had nothing to do with its mission, exchanging documents that represent a threat to national security," adding that the case was now in the hands of local judges.

Australia has said that Taylor and her co-defendants are entitled to immunity but warned Wednesday that there appeared to be little chance of their early release, with indications that Libyan authorities may seek to hold them for 45 days.

Five Dutch banks' credit ratings dropped

AMSTERDAM -- Rabobank, ING, ABN Amro, LeasePlan, and SNS Bank all had their ratings lowered. Rabobank now has a Aa2 credit rating, while ING, ABN Amro are now rated A2. SNS Bank and LeasePlan now have an even lower rating, Baa2.

Moody's says the decision to lower the banks' credit ratings was based on the protracted euro crisis and the questionable creditworthiness of a number of countries within the euro zone.

Moody's is particularly

concerned about ING bank. Moody's says the outlook for the other banks is stable. Nevertheless, as a result of this latest downgrade, SN Bank and LeasePlan are now only two steps away from so-called non-investment grade or junk status. The lowering of a bank's credit rating makes it more difficult for the bank to lend money on capital market.

According to Moody's, Dutch banks will likely remain under pressure as a result of the recession in the Netherlands and falling house prices.



HONG KONG: Billboards of real estate agents cover a wall in a street of Hong Kong on June 15, 2012. As Hong Kong's new leadership is to take over in July with a policy aimed at increasing housing supply, a recent report by Deutsche Bank analysts said property prices in the city may fall as much as 20 percent in the next 12 months. (AFP PHOTO)

Romney: Immigration fix 'more difficult' with Obama

move

MILFORD, NH (AFP) - Republican Mitt Romney warned that President Barack Obama's decision Friday to stop deporting some law-abiding immigrants would only make it harder to reach a long-term solution to the problem.

"I believe the status of young people who come here through no fault of their own is an important matter to be considered and it should be solved on a long-term basis so they know what their future will be in this country," Romney told reporters after a campaign stop in Milford, New Hampshire.

"I think the action that the president took today makes it more difficult to reach that long-term solution."

Romney, who is challenging Obama for the White House in November's election and launched a bus tour earlier that will take him through several battleground states, said Obama's executive order was "just a short-term matter that can be reversed by subsequent presidents."

"I'd like to see legislation that deals with this issue," he said, adding that he agreed with the approach of US Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, a potential Romney vice presidential pick who has sought a long-term fix to the more than 11.5 million illegal immigrants living in the United States.

"If I'm president, we'll do our very best to have that kind of long-term solution that provides certainty and clarity for people who come into this country through no fault of their own by virtue of the acts of their parents."

The candidate did not answer questions about whether he would reverse the order or if he thought Obama's move was a political ploy for Hispanic voters, who form a major voting bloc.

Obama's scheme applies to people brought to the United States before the age of 16 who are currently under 30, are in school or have graduated from high school, or have served in the military and have not been convicted of a felony.

His decision will go some way to enshrining the goals of the DREAM Act, legislation backed by the White House -and opposed by Romney -that could lead to young illegal immigrants gaining permanent residency.



US to halt deportations of young illegal immigrants

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The school, and have not been con-United States will stop deport- victed of a felony, officials said. Janet Napolitano. immigrants who satisfy broad criteria, in a move that will be seen as a concession to the Hispanic community ahead of November's election.

The move applies to minors brought to the United States before the age of 16, who are currently under 30, are in school or have graduated from high

orously protested by conservative Republicans and be seen as a bid by the president to solidify his hold on the youth and Hispanic vote that could be critical in several swing states in No-

"Our nation's immigration laws must be enforced in a firm and sensible manner," said

Homeland Security Secretary

ing young law-abiding illegal The move will likely be vig- "But they are not designed to be blindly enforced without consideration given to the individual circumstances of each case. "Nor are they designed to remove productive young people to countries where they may not have lived or even speak the language. Discretion, which is used in so many other areas, is especially justified here."

The decision will go some way to enshrining the goals of the DREAM Act, legislation backed by the White House that could lead to young illegal immigrants, brought to America by parents, gaining permanent residency.

The legislation, opposed by Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and conservative Republicans, has failed to pass Congress and become law.

Health & Living

Burger King introduces four healthy new salad options



Island media was invited to check out the tempting new salad selection from Burger King introduced wednesday morning at their Arawak Gardens outlet in Palm Beach.

The salads are part of a new program: BK Positive Steps, introduced last year, to demonstrate the BK commitment to community by offering their patrons healthy choices.

Four new salads with a choice of five different dressings are now featured, with additional options such as grilled or crispy chicken with your selection. The chicken and garnishes are separately packaged so they can be added to the salad just before eating, also keeping the taste and crispness fresh and appealing

New choices are:

•BK Caesar Salad: Fresh romaine and iceberg lettuce, shredded romano cheese, Grilled chicken breast, bacon bits and croutons.

•BK Mexican Salad,: Fresh romaine and iceberg lettuce with a bit of Mexican spice, not overly done, garnished with guacamole, shredded cheese, chicken breast and crunchy tortilla and bacon bits

•BK Chef Salad: Lettuce, ham, turkey, hard boiled eggs, tomatoes, shredded cheese and bacon bits.

•BK: Garden Salad: Veggies only, lettuce with red onion, cucumber, tomatoes croutons, shredded carrots and cheese, and red kidney beans.

Salad dressing choices are Ranch, Thousand Island, Creamy Caesar, Honey Mustard and low-calorie Italian. When ordering a salad, patrons also have the option of mixing and matching garnishes, in keeping with the Burger King philosophy to "Have it your way."

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US urges removal of S.Korean oysters from market



NEW YORK (AFP) - US health authorities have urged restaurants and food outlets to stop selling all fresh, frozen and canned oysters, clams and mussels that came from South Korea over contamination fears.

"These products and any products made with them may have been exposed to human fecal waste and are potentially contaminated with norovirus," the Food and Drug Administration said in a statement issued late Thursday.

The FDA said the measure also applies to any scallops that arrived in the United States before or after May 1 when the FDA removed such products from the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List.

The United States documented some cases of

norovirus linked to the consumption of South Korean oysters as recently as 2011, but there have been no such cases reported this year.

Norovirus typically causes nausea, vomiting and stomach cramps. The accompanying dehydration can cause some to seek medical treatment.

The latest move came after an FDA evaluation found that "the Korean Shellfish Sanitation Program (KSSP) no longer meets the sanitation controls specified under the United States' National Shellfish Sanitation Program," it said.

The FDA cited "significant deficiencies" that include poor sanitary controls, ineffective management of land-based pollution sources and detection of norovirus in shellfish growing areas.

Korean shellfish makes up a small fraction of the oysters, clams, mussels and scallops sold in the United States.

Health authorities in Taiwan on Friday said they had intensified checks on oysters imported from South Korea following at least 62 cases of food poisoning cases in recent weeks

Urgent action needed fight cholera in Haiti: aid group

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Global and local health authorities are not doing enough to fight a cholera outbreak that continues to claim lives in Haiti, Doctors Without Borders said Thursday.

"We are worried about the lack of support from the international community and the lack of action from health authorities in Haiti," Thierry Goffeau, head of the group's

Haiti operations, told AFP.

Since the start of the epidemic in October 2010, 7,500 people have died from the disease that is spread through poor sanitation. This year alone, it has claimed at least 40 lives in the impoverished Caribbean nation that shares the Hispaniola island with the far wealthier Dominican Republic.

Doctors Without Borders

has treated 9,800 cholera patients in special centers since early 2012, including 72 percent of cases in and around the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince.

But the group stresses that it has no intention to replace health authorities and is there to support them.

"We urge the international community and the WHO to strengthen their support," Goffeau said.



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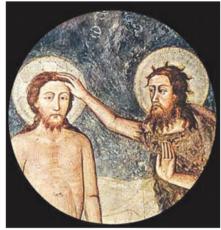


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Sci-Tech

Bones in Bulgaria may be of John the Baptist: study



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists have found new evidence they say supports the theory that a knuckle bone and other human remains found under a church floor in Bulgaria may be of John the Baptist.

The relics found in a small marble sarcophagus two years ago on a Bulgarian island called Sveti Ivan, which translates as Saint John, also included a human tooth, part of a skull and three animal bones.

A research team from Oxford University dated the right-handed knuckle bone to the first century AD, when John is believed to have lived until his beheading ordered by king Herod, the university said in a statement.

And scientists from the University of Copenhagen analysed the DNA of the bones, finding they came from a single individual, probably a man, from a family in the modern-day Middle East, where John would have lived.

While these findings do not definitively prove anything, they also don't refute the the-

ory first proffered by the Bulgarian archaeologists who found the remains while excavating under an ancient church on the island

Many sites around the world claim to hold relics of the saint, including the Grand Mosque in Damascus which says it has his head.

The right hand with which the prophet allegedly baptised Jesus in the River Jordan is also

claimed to be held by several entities, including a Serbian Orthodox monastery in Montenegro.

"The result from the metacarpal hand bone is clearly consistent with someone who lived in the early first century AD," Oxford University professor Tom Higham said of the new study.

"Whether that person is John the Baptist is a question that we cannot yet definitely answer and probably never will."

Bulgarian archaeologists had found a small box made of hardened volcanic ash close to the sarcophagus.

The box bore inscriptions in ancient Greek that referred to John the Baptist and the date that Christians celebrate his birth, June 24.

The findings of another Oxford researcher, using historical documents, suggest that the monastery of Sveti Ivan may have received a portion of John the Baptist's relics in the fifth or early sixth centuries.

Apple patent bid hints at changeable iPhone lens



(AFP) - A US patent application hinted that Apple may be toying with the idea of letting picture-loving iPhone users change lenses for the smart-phone cameras.

Apple's application for a "back panel for a portable electronic device with different camera lens options" included a diagram reminiscent of an opened iPhone with labeled parts.

The application described a design to let users change lenses that typically are fixed in

the backs of smartphones to act as eves for cameras.

"It would be desirable to provide a structure for a compact device that allows the end user to reconfigure the optical arrangement of the device while retaining the benefits of assembling the device using a pre-assembled digital imaging subsystem," said a copy of the patent application available online.

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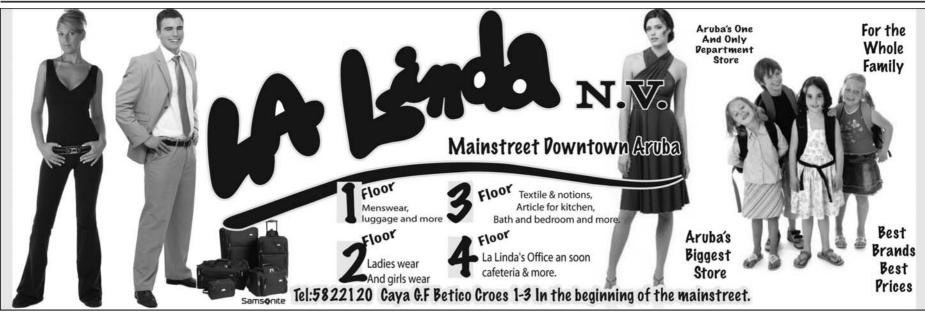
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Merkel stands firm in Greek vote countdown

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany's Angela Merkel stood firm against growth quick fixes to Europe's crisis yesterday and France rushed to reassure that she would not be sidelined as the clock ticked down on a fateful Greek vote.

Merkel insisted that hasty proposals such as eurobonds, backed by France, for pooling debt in Europe, would result in "mediocrity," while Paris fought perceptions of a rift with Berlin insisting the two should work "hand in hand."

Europe's debt crisis can only be addressed by tackling its root causes -- debt and uneven competitiveness Merkel said, warning that proposals to mutualise debt or risk merely papered over the divergences between countries.

"Whoever masks that ends up in mediocrity. Mediocrity must not become the standard," Merkel warned to applause, addressing members of Germany's federation of family-run businesses.

And she complained that

debate over how to steer Europe out of its more than twoyear-long debt crisis was "simply rubbish" as she strongly backed both principles.

With the threat of a Greek euro exit hanging over Sunday's poll and global leaders heading to Mexico for a G20 summit from Monday, Merkel faces pressure for Europe's de facto paymaster to forge a solution.

But she is also under fire over her unwavering stance on strict budget consolidation as the way to tackle the turmoil, especially since Berlin's key EU ally, France, has pushed for a growth-led strategy under its new president.

French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault however seemed at pains yesterday to cool any perception of sidelining Merkel, telling Europe 1 radio this was "absolutely not" the case and would be "a bad route."

France and Germany should work "hand in hand for a solution to pull Europe out of crisis," he said, a day after urg-

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Gupta found guilty of insider trading

NEW YORK (AFP) - Rajat Gupta, a former Goldman Sachs board member and pillar of the US business community, was found guilty yesterday in New York on insider trading charges in big victory for prosecutors probing Wall Street corruption.

The guilty verdict on four of six counts came after less than two days of deliberations at the end of a three week trial in Manhattan federal court.

The 63-year-old faced up to 25 years in prison if found guilty on all charges. The Indian-born businessman's attorney, Gary Naftalis, said afterwards that he plans to challenge the verdict.

Prosecutors say Gupta, who also headed the renowned consultancy McKinsey & Co, fed private market-moving information to his former friend and hedge fund manager Raj Rajaratnam, sentenced last year to 11 years in prison for insider

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"Rajat Gupta once stood at YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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business community. Today, he stands convicted of securities fraud. He achieved remarkable success and stature, but he threw it all away," chief Manhattan prosecutor Preet Bharara said in a statement.

"Having fallen from respected insider to convicted inside trader, Mr Gupta has now exchanged the lofty board room for the prospect of a lowly jail cell," he said. "We said that insider trading is rampant, and today's conviction puts that claim into stark relief."

The defense tried to argue that Gupta was innocent and that the government had failed to back up its case with hard evidence

However, the circumstan-

tial evidence, amassed in wiretapped phone conversations, telephone records and trading data, clearly left the jury with little trouble in reaching a conclusion.

One of the key episodes in the prosecution case was Rajaratnam's 2008 purchase of Goldman Sachs shares only seconds after Gupta called him in the wake of a Goldman board meeting.

It was during that board meeting, at the height of the 2008 banking crisis, that Goldman members secretly discussed the decision by investor Warren Buffett to pump \$5 billion into the bank -- a huge boost in a time of uncertainty.

Mexican mogul Slim expands empire in Europe

VIENNA (AFP) - Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim yesterday moved to grow his telecoms empire into central and eastern Europe by raising his stake in Telekom Austria to 9.9 percent with the aim of obtaining 25.9 percent.

"This acquisition positions AMX as a long-term strategic partner of Telekom Austria,' Slim's America Movil (AMX) company said in a statement.

The deal is "part of AMX geographic diversification strategy and provides an attractive presence in Central and Eastern Europe"

Former monopoly Telekom Austria, the largest telecoms company in the country, is also



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Escobar series scores record audience in Colombia



BOGOTA (AFP) - A television series recounting the rise of notorious drug lord Pablo Escobar is setting new audience records in Colombia, prompting fears that a new generation could come to idolize his murderous ways.

Nearly 20 years after his death, millions of Colombians are tuning in every night to watch "Escobar: Boss of Evil" on the Caracol network. The series looks at how the Medellin cartel chief became the "king of cocaine" in the 1980s.

The first episode in the series -- which is inspired by the 2001 book "The Parable of Pablo" -- attracted 11 million viewers. The series, which has been on the air for two weeks, will have a total of 63 episodes.

"We all can remember a bomb set by Escobar, an attack experienced either directly or

indirectly. But what is important is to see the entire picture, how one thing led to another" in his life, explained producer Juana Uribe.

Uribe says the series -which was filmed in Bogota, Medellin and Miami, and cost \$170,000 dollars an episode -aims to show "Escobar from all sides" and to shed light on those who had the courage to confront him.

"This is an important program for the new generations, who do not really know much about Escobar and who surely will not go to the library to read about him," said actor Andres Parra, who plays the drug kingpin.

One of Latin America's most feared drug lords, Escobar once supplied most of the cocaine to the United States, and masterminded a campaign of kidnappings and bombings in Colombia's capital Bogota and other parts of the country.

Escobar -- who was considered one of the richest men in the world at the height of his power -- was eventually killed by police in Medellin in late 1993. He was 44.

In the northern Colombian city that was once his headquarters, Escobar is still seen as a benefactor, especially among the poor and working class people he showered with narco-dollars.

Parra, who visited Medellin's inner city during filming, said: "In these areas, you can feel the affection and sense of nostalgia... They took photos and thanked me for playing the part."

Juan Carlos Velasquez, a priest who works with troubled youth in the city, however fears that the program will send young people the wrong message.

"One day, a young woman came up to me and said, 'Father, Escobar was really a good man, wasn't he?" the priest said.

"Of course, Escobar helped build houses, churches and football pitches, but in this TV series, we don't see all the damage he caused. Where a killing is shown, I don't see the pain that it caused."

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TIME magazine this month profiles into the immigration debate with Filipino Pulitzer prize winner Jose Antonio Vargas, who publicly declared last year that he was an illegal immigrant in the United States, gracing their cover along with 35 other undocumented immigrants in the US. Vargas is a journalist who was part of the Washington Post's team that won the Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007.

Read more on Jose Antonio Vargas in this week's issue of TIME.

Dalai Lama kicks off tour of Britain



LONDON (AFP) - The Dalai Lama began a spiritual tour of Britain on Friday which is set to include an unlikely appearance at a youth event with comedian Russell Brand.

The Tibetan spiritual leader kicked off his eight-day trip in Manchester, northwest England, and is also due to visit the northern city of Leeds, the Scottish capital Edinburgh, and London.

He will address thousands of young people at an event Manchester today, delivering a message about the need to foster peace and dialogue.

Brand, who has previously battled drug addiction, will be compering the event, entitled "Stand Up and Be The Change".

On Friday, the Dalai Lama attended an international business convention in Leeds to talk about ethics in commerce.

The BBC reported that the event prompted China to

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of an Olympics training camp in Leeds where some 220 Chinese athletes, coaches and staff are due to be staying from early July.

The Dalai Lama brushed off the threat.

"That is always happening, that is almost like routine," he said in Manchester.

He said he was "very happy once more" to be in England and spoke of his "close relations" with the country where he wants to use his tour to promote tolerance and forgive-

The trip comes only a month after the 76-year-old Buddhist leader's visit to London to collect the £1.1 million Templeton Prize, which he said he would donate to charity.

During that visit the Nobel Peace Laureate met British David Cameron, sparking anger from China, whose top legislator Wu Bangguo cancelled a visit to Britain in protest.

The Tibetan leader, who fled his homeland for India in 1959 after a failed uprising against Chinese rule, announced last year that he was giving up his political role to focus on spiritual duties.

Return of 'Dallas' whips up 6.86 mn viewers



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Prime-time soap "Dallas", classic 1980s saga about ruthless Texas oil baron J.R. Ewing and his family roared back onto US television screens this week with 6.86 million viewers watching the season premiere despite mixed reviews for the reboot, the TNT cable channel said. Larry Hagman and Linda Gray reprise their role as J.R. and troubled wife Sue Ellen, but the storyline now is more focused on a younger generation of Ewings played by Josh Henderson, Jesse Metcalfe and Jordana Brewster. TNT has lined up a total of 10 episodes of "Dallas" to run through August 15 in the United States. It is scheduled to run on European channels later this year or next year, depending on the country. (January 29, 2012 file photo shows US actor Patrick Duffy (L), Linda Gray (C), and Larry Hagman (R))



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is offering 30% off all men's denim and Havana Nines is featuring anywhere from 5% to 80% off their men's collection, with brand new items hitting the shelf this week-

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England finally beat Sweden, France down Ukraine



England's Daniel Wellbeck (R) scores his team's third goal

KIEV (AFP) - England on Friday found themselves on the right end of a five-goal thriller with Sweden, securing their first competitive win over the Scandinavians after France dashed Ukraine's dreams of a second Euro 2012 victory.

Liverpool's Andy Carroll, making his first start in the tournament, scored his second

RESULTS EURO 2012 **GROUP A**

Czech Rep. 2, Greece 1 Poland 1, Russia 1 Poland 1, Greece 1 Russia 4, Czech Rep 1 **GROUP B**

Portugal 3, Denmark 2 Germany 2, Netherlands 1 Denmark 1, Neth. 0 Germany 1, Portugal 0

GROUP C Spain 4, Ireland 0 Italy 1, Croatia 1 Spain 1, Italy 1 Croatia 3, Ireland 1 **GROUP D**

France 2, Ukraine 0 **England, Sweden** England 1, France 1 Ukraine 2, Sweden 1

SATURDAY'S **Matches: GROUP A** * Greece vs Russia (2:45 p.m.) * Czech Rep. vs. Poland (2:45 p.m.) **SUNDAY's Matches: GROUP B** * Netherlands vs. Portugal (2:45 p.m.) Denmark vs. Germany (2:45 p.m.)

international goal for England on 23 minutes, rising high above Sweden's defence to direct a well-placed header past Andreas Isaksson.

Olof Mellberg, though, appeared to get one back just after half-time, forcing Joe Hart to save from close range and then knocking in the rebound. But an own goal was awarded against Glenn Johnson as he scrambled to keep the ball out.

Olympiakos defender Mellberg then put Erik Hamren's side ahead minutes later, rising unchallenged in the six-yard box after slipping behind the English defence from a deep free-kick.

England desperately tried to get back into the game and John Terry came close, amid frantic defending from the Swedes, until Theo Walcott looped a shot from the edge of the penalty over a crowd and players and wrong-footed Isaksson.

The Arsenal winger then had a hand in England's third, pulling the ball back from the right-hand byline to Manchester United's Danny Welbeck, who cheekily back-heeled it into the net.

France had earlier thought their clash with Ukraine had been abandoned after violent thunder and electric storms lashing Shakhtar Donetsk's Donbass Arena forced Dutch referee Bjorn Kuipers to take both teams off after just five minutes' play.

The two sides only returned nearly an hour later and were level at the half-time interval.

Jeremy Menez, selected ahead of Florent Malouda, put the French 1-0 up on 53 minutes, silencing the home fans and hitting hopes that Oleg Blokhin's side could pull off another victory after their shock 2-0 win against Sweden.

Menez's left-foot drive --

only his second international goal for France -- was followed three minutes later by Yohan Cabaye's first for the national

France and England are both on four points in Group D, with Ukraine on three and Sweden yet to get off the mark.

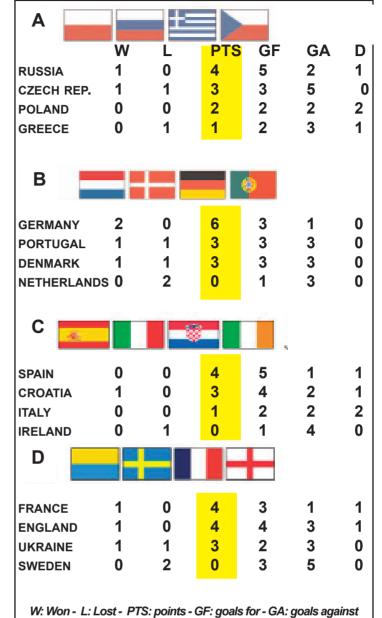
Elsewhere, Croatia were facing a potential inquiry after a UEFA-backed racism monitoring group claimed that up to 500 fans taunted Italy's Mario Bariotelli with racial slurs throughout Thursday's 1-1 draw in Poznan, Poland.

An AFP photographer positioned in front of the majority of Croatia fans during Thursday's match said he heard monkey noises being directed at the Manchester City striker, who is of Ghanaian origin.

FARE said UEFA will open an investigation into the claims but there was no immediate confirmation from European football's governing body while the Italian football federation said none of the players, including Balotelli, had complained.

Racism and crowd trouble have been key issues during the tournament, which is being co-hosted by Poland and Ukraine, amid fears of racist violence by far-right gangs that are reported to be rife at football grounds in both countries.

EURO-2012 Standings



D: Draw

Holland cling to hope as Portugal eye last eight

DONETSK (AFP) - The statistics do not make pleasant reading for the Netherlands, who must beat Portugal by two goals on Sunday and hope Germany overcome Denmark if they are to reach the Euro 2012 quarter-finals.

No team has ever reached the knockout phase at a Euro after losing their first two matches, and statistical website Infostrada Sports estimates that Bert van Marwijk's side stand only a 9.5 percent chance of going through.

ominous. The last time the Oranje were eliminated at the group phase of the European Championship was in 1980, two years after they finished runners-up at the 1978 World Cup -- just as they did in 2010.

As if the weight of history was not enough of a burden, van Marwijk also appears to face problems with several of his most important players.

Klaas-Jan Huntelaar and Rafael van der Vaart have both expressed anger at being left out of the starting line-up, while Arjen Robben reacted to his substitution in Wednesday's 2-1 loss to Germany by jumping over an advertising hoarding and stalking angrily back to the dug-out.

The top scorers in qualifying, with 37 goals, it took Holland 45 shots to find the net at the Euro but Robin van Persie's 73rd-minute effort against Germany was ultimately in

The Dutch press have deplored van Marwijk's continued faith in van Persie at the expense of Huntelaar, who will hope to be given a start in Kharkiv on Sunday with Holland obliged to attack Portugal from the off.

Wesley Sneijder, at least, is doing his job.

One of the stand-out performers at the last World Cup, the playmaker endured an injury-plagued season with Inter Milan but has created chances at a startling rate of eight per game since the tournament started.

Given the need for goals, van Marwijk could opt to field van der Vaart and Huntelaar in his starting XI, which would oblige van Persie to move to the flanks as he did in the second half against Germany.

Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger has told his former Bayern Munich team-mate Mark van Bommel that his team will give everything to beat Denmark and van Marwijk knows his side must therefore complete their own mission.

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Armstrong begins doping fight with sponsor support



AUSTIN (AFP) - Lance Armstrong's lawyers have already started to challenge the new doping charges against him even as sponsors vow to stand behind the seven-time Tour de France cycling champion.

The US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) brought doping conspiracy charges against Armstrong on Wednesday and has not responded to letters from Armstrong attorneys seeking details of the evidence they claim to have against him.

Armstrong has another week to make a written response to the charges under the guidlines of USADA investigations. After that an independent panel will consider the evidence and decide if the charges merit a hearing.

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While USADA cannot impose criminal penalties against Armstrong, it has asked that Armstrong be banned from any sport for life and would open the door for him to be stripped of the Tour de France victories he won from 1999-2005.

Armstrong, who has stead-fastly denied any wrongdoing for years, has never tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs and called the USADA charges a "witch hunt" in a Twitter statement denouncing the move.

Armstrong's lawyers want drug test analysis from USADA on blood test results from Armstrong's 2009 and 2010 Tour de France runs that USADA says showed signs of the banned blood booster

EPO.

There was no positive test from the race in either year involving samples from Armstrong.

USADA also claims to have testimony from 10 cyclists regarding Armstrong's actions.

The charges were enough to prompt Ironman triathlon officials to ban Armstrong from an event later this month in Nice, France. Armstrong had planned to compete in the World Ironman Championships in Hawaii in October.

The move comes as corporate sponsors offer shows of support for Armstrong, including apparel makers Nike and Oakley and beermaker Anheuser-Busch.

While some see Armstrong as a dope cheat following years of unproven accusations, others see him as a cancerconquering hero who brings optimism that people can overcome cancer. Armstrong had suffered from testicular cancer.

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Beaten 1-0 by Germany in their opening game, Portugal let a 2-0 lead slip against Denmark in Lviv on Wednesday before Silvestre Varela's thunderous 87th-minute half-volley rejuvenated their attempts to reach the quarter-finals.

The result means that Portugal will be guaranteed to reach the last eight if they win, unless Denmark beat Germany in the other game, which would invoke a three-way head-to-head comparison between those teams.

The only disappointment for Portugal coach Paulo Bento was yet another mystifyingly poor performance in front of goal from his captain, Cristiano Ronaldo.

The Real Madrid superstar spurned two one-on-one chances to put Portugal 3-1 up and was almost made to pay the price when Nicklas Bendtner equalised for Denmark in the 80th minute.

Bento, however, said he felt

Ronaldo had produced "two good matches" and the man himself was typically impervious to the criticism.

The last meeting between Portugal and Holland in a major tournament saw the Seleccao prevail 1-0 in a badtempered last-16 match at the 2006 World Cup that yielded a record 16 cautions and four red cards.

Given both teams' need for victory, Sunday's encounter threatens to be similarly spicy.

Meanwhile Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk hinted on Friday he would make changes on the wing for Sunday's crucial game.

Van Marwijk, who has been subject to criticism both at home and within the squad, is believed to be looking at dropping Barcelona's Ibrahim Afellay although veteran Arjen Robben is also in his sights, especially after his petulant reaction to being substituted in the German match.



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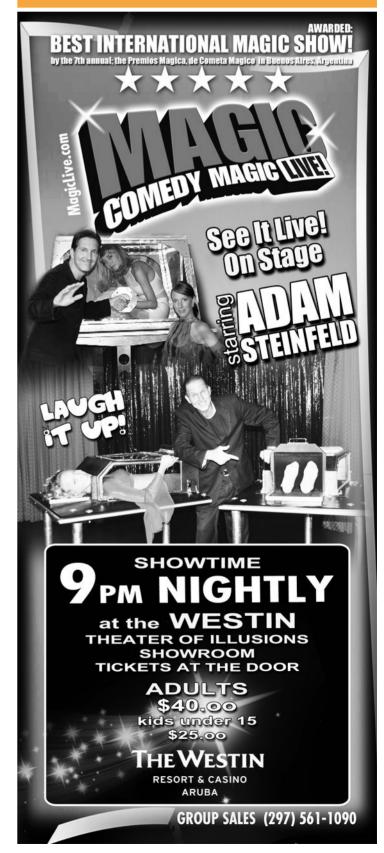
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NBA: Bosh, Wade set the early tone for Miami



Chris Bosh #1 of the Miami Heat dunks the ball against James Harden #13 and Russell Westbrook #0 of the Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY, (AFP) - Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade answered the bell for the Miami Heat who bounced

back from a disappointing loss in the NBA finals opener with a gritty 100-96 victory in game two on Thursday.

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DETROIT	30	33	.476	4.0	ST. LOUIS	33	31	.516	3.0		
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Bosh returned to his familiar starting role as the Heat built a 17-point lead in the first quarter then held off a late charge by the Oklahoma City Thunder to even the best-of-seven series at 1-1.

It was the first start for the 28-year-old Bosh since mid-May. Bosh had to come off the bench for the previous four post-season games as he eased his way back into the line-up from an abdominal strain that caused him to miss nine playoff games.

Bosh found his scoring touch early in game two and by halftime he already had a double double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"It was time to step up," said Bosh who finished with 16 points and 15 rebounds.

"I wanted to be more aggressive. I wanted to play good defence and space the floor correctly and I knew everything else would fall into place."

Bosh tied a playoff career high with 15 rebounds.

Like Bosh, Wade got involved in the offence in the first quarter and together they set the tone for game two.

The Heat now have the psychological edge, having stolen home court advantage with a split of the first two games in Oklahoma City. The series now shifts to Miami for games three, four and five. Games six and seven if needed will be back in Oklahoma City.

Wade bounced back from a sub-par effort in game one to finish with 24 points, six rebounds and five assists after scoring just 19 points in game one. Wade took much of the blame for the 105-94 game one loss.

"We need to switch the mindset a little quicker now,"

Wade said. "Game one was kind of a feel out game, especially when you are on the road. Game two you come out and make adjustments.

"I felt I was too passive in game one. The change was me trying to be more aggressive when I had my chances down the stretch."

Miami punished the Thunder in the paint and on the fast break and never let Oklahoma City get into an offensive flow in the first half.

The Heat led by 18-2 in the

first eight minutes as the Thunder missed 11 of 12 shots in that span. Miami extended their lead to 17 points twice and led by 12 at the intermission.

The Thunder made it interesting in the end outscoring Miami 29-22 in the fourth but they dug themselves too deep a hole to climb out of.

Asked what the reason is for two slow starts in a row, Thunder guard James Harden shrugged, "We don't know. We have to change if we want to win games."

